

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner is thanked for the telephone interview between Mr. Earle Jennings, a patent agent associated with Gregory Smith & Associates, to which the Examiner alludes to in the current action.

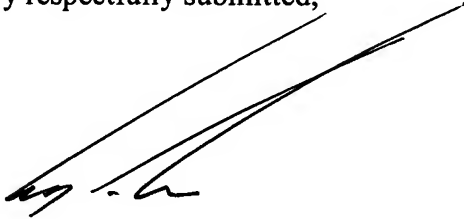
The 10/818,524 application claims an invention in the class and subclass as this application. This application and the '524 application have the same inventors, assignees, and very similar specifications. This application speaks to embodiments which all include limitations including the bias angle, with subordinate claims pointing to limitations including the second bias angle. The '524 application claims embodiments in which only the second bias angle is called out. Mr. Jennings asserted that there are separate figures and enabling text in the specification as filed showing these inventions as distinct, which is why the decision had been made to file them separately.

The Office action required an election to restrict the application to one of two sets of Claims. The first set of claims, pointing to apparatus, has been elected. The Examiner further discussed an objection to the Claims 39 to 42, which claim apparatus implementing the method claims. The Applicant does not agree with the Examiner's analysis, but in order to expedite the prosecution of the application, these claims have also been cancelled.

Claim 2 has been amended to correct an inadvertent spelling error. The amended Claims as presented do not introduce new matter, nor do they represent an agreement with the Examiner's rejection of these Claims. The amendments have been made strictly for the purpose of expediting the prosecution of this patent application.

Applicant invites the Examiner to contact Earle Jennings or Gregory Smith, as listed below, for a telephonic interview if so doing would expedite the prosecution of the application.

5 Very respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Scott Smith', written over a horizontal line.

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